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REPRESENTATIVES' DISCUSSION APRIL 26

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CONCURRENTLY WITH AMBASSADOR'S CALL TO HERMES, EMBASSY
ECONOMIC CONSELOR CONTACTED FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR
COMMUNITY TRADE MATTERS, LOECK AND URGED AN FRG
INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL WHICH
FALLS SHORT OF OUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. WE ALSO ASKED
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THAT FRG PUT FORWARD SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT BE

ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION QUICKLY.
LOECK REPLIED THAT THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL WAS NOT
THE FINAL EC POSITION AND THAT "THE DOOR IS NOT YET
CLOSED". HE DID NOT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG COULD
GET FURTHER OUT FRONT OF THE COMMISSION THEREBY GIVING
THE IMPRESSION OF MISUSING ITS CHAIRMANSHIP ROLE. THE
FRG, HE SAID, HAS DONE ALL IT COULD AT THE RECENT 113
COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN TRYING TO BRING OTHER MEMBERS
ALONG TOWARD A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO THE US, BUT "THE
LIMITS OF OUR INFLUENCE HAVE BEEN REACHED", HE ADDED.
LOECK WAS VERY SKEPTICAL REGARDING THE LIKELIHOOD OF
THE FRG COMING UP WITH NEW IDEAS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE
PACKAGE UNDER TIME PRESSURE OVER THE WEEKEND. IN ANY
EVENT, ANY INITIATIVE IN THAT DIRECTION WOULD REQUIRE
CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS ON
A TECHNICAL LEVEL, WHICH COULD NOT BE DONE BEFORE MONDAY
MORNING. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF SUCH DELIBERATIONS,
ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS THAT MIGHT EMANATE COULD, OF
COURSE, BE QUICKLY TELEPHONED TO AMBASSADOR LEBSANFT
BEFORE THE MONDAY EVENING PERMREP MEETING. LOECK
PROMISED TO PURSUE THE MATTER WITH HIS ECON MINISTRY
COLLEAGUES OVER THE WEEKEND, IF POSSIBLE, BUT ON
MONDAY MORNING AT THE LATEST. OUR OWN EFFORTS TO REACH
APPROPRIATE ECON MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
UNSUCCESSFUL.
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